

**MD 24 C
Lions of Virginia**



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Lions Roaring Pride

Fellow Lions,



As we are nearing the end of the first half of the 2021-2022 Lions Year, I want to thank all of you for the hard work that you have done to serve those individuals and organizations in need, and we must continue to “Rise Above It” to fulfill our motto, “We Serve”.

My Fall Conference was a success and I want to thank all of the clubs and individuals who donated items for the patients at the Carilion Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Center.

The staff and patients at the center really appreciated our generosity. I plan on meeting in January with a committee made up of Lions in the District who are interested and committed to continue our efforts to assist the pediatric patients and their families with their needs.

The Regional Lions Leadership Institute will be conducted on March 4-6, 2022 at the Holiday Inn-Valley View in Roanoke, VA. GLT Lion Marty Alford will be getting registration information out to the clubs in the district. This is excellent leadership training for those Lions who are interested in taking on leadership roles in their clubs and the district.

It’s also time for all of the clubs to start planning their local Bland Music Competition Contests. The musical talent of our youth is unbelievable. For more information on the Bland Contest, you can contact PCC Clark Vandergrift (cevandergrift@gmail.com) for Regions 1 & 2, and PDG Priscilla Hall (priscillamusser@gmail.com) for Regions 3 & 4.

All Lions need to start selling their L.O.V.F. tickets as the drawing will be held at the State Convention on May 1, 2022. The State Convention will be held on April 28-May 1, 2022 at the Delta by Marriott in Chesapeake, VA.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Lion Eric Mills, District 24-C Lions



**Eric Mills
District Governor MD 24-C**



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“RISING ABOVE IT”

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR - MD24-C (2020-2021)



LION ERIC MILLS

THEME: “RISING ABOVE IT”

Lion Eric Mills joined the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club in 1986. He served as Club President for four terms.

Lion Eric received:

The Melvin Jones Award in February, 2008.

The Lion of the Year Award from his Club for 2009-2010.

The MD-24 Virginia Council of Governors Distinguished Service Award for 3 years.

Lion Eric attended the MD-24 Regional Lions Leadership Institute in 2011.

He served as Zone Chair (Region II, Zone I) for eight years and served as Region Chair in Region II for 2018-2019.

Lion Eric served as 2nd Vice District Governor of D24-C for 2019-2020.

Lion Eric served as 1st Vice District Governor of D24-C for 2020-2021.

Lion Eric is currently serving as District Governor for 2021-2022.

Lion Eric is also currently serving as Vice Council Chairperson for 2021-2022.

Lion Eric is currently serving on the District 24-C Charity Corp. Board of Directors.

Lion Eric is also serving on the Global Membership Approach Initiative.

Lion Eric serves as an alternate on the Board of Directors of both the Dr. E.G. Gill Blue Ridge Lions Sight Foundation, Inc., and the Virginia Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center.

Lion Eric is also a Certified Guiding Lion.

Lion Eric served on the Roanoke City Police Department for over 25 Yrs. and retired as a Sergeant in September, 2003. He has been employed as an Investigator with the Bedford Public Defender’s Office since September, 2011.

Lion Eric has been married to his wife Patti for 37 years and has two sons, Ryan & Blaine, two daughters-in-law, Tarah & Taylor, and two grand-children, Hadley and Griffin.

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2021-22 Lions International President



Douglas X. Alexander,
103rd LCI International President
Service from the Heart

Dear Lion,

Your exceptional courage and kindness have helped your community throughout this extraordinary year. And though you have already given so much, this holiday season I ask you to consider giving a little more. Because for many families in your community, this is a time of great need.

Let's give the gift of hope to those in need this season. Work with your club to plan a hunger project to ensure that families in your community have a special holiday meal to share this year. And consider a gift to your community through LCIF—your global foundation—and see your generosity make a difference for years to come.

Thank you for your incredible service to your community and our world.

Yours in Service,
Douglas X. Alexander
International President



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MD 24 C Cabinet Meeting Announcement



On Sunday October 24, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. MD 24 C Cabinet meeting was held at the Edward Gill Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke, VA.



District Governor Eric Mills opened the meeting and welcomed everyone for coming out to the meeting. During the meeting, D.G. Eric talked about his program for the year and the upcoming Fall Conference in Roanoke. IPDG/2nd VDG Jean Cook handed out awards and presentations to some of the cabinet members who were not at the previous cabinet meeting.

The next scheduled Cabinet Meeting will be held at the Dublin Lions Club Building on January 30, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

Meeting Announcements: **Small Clubs Forum**

PID Richard Chaffin and PDG John Seaborn are hosting a series of meeting to discuss on how we, as Lions Leaders could best assist the smaller clubs in our district. PID Chaffin suggested that perhaps the best thing to do is put together a meeting specifically for smaller clubs (those under 20 members) and ask them what we can do to help.

We have set up 2 meeting locations. One in Dublin at the Dublin Lions Club Building on February 12, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and one in Abingdon, VA at the Shoney's Restaurant on February 19, 2022 from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. We would like to ask you to share this with your clubs that fit in this category and encourage them to attend. All members of these clubs are welcome to attend and regardless of how I have them listed, they may attend at either location.

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NEWS from 2nd VDG Jean Cook

Hello Lions,

Time is flying! We have completed the first six months of our Lions' year, completed another calendar year, and we are again, celebrating the Holidays!!

President of the Board of the District 24-C Charity, Inc.

The 24-C Charity Board would like to thank everyone who contributed to our fundraiser of the sale of the Lions' collector pin supporting the "Hope to Walk" project. At Fall Conference the total number of pins sold was 166. Let us complete the sale of the remaining 34 pins to fund this wonderful project that gives hope to so many in 3rd World Countries. Please give the Governor or the Vice Governors a call if you would like to purchase some of the remaining pins.

With the start of a new year, the Charity is switching gears and sponsoring a fundraiser to support our Lions Club International Foundations Campaign 100. We will be doing a 50/50 Raffle at \$25 per ticket and the drawing will be held at the State Convention on May 1, 2022. The attached flyer has further details. Please promote this fundraiser not only with Lions but with family and friends, too. This is a good way to get the message out about Lions and possibly attract new Lions. Also, the winner could receive up to \$3,000 when we sell all of the tickets!

Global Membership Chair of the District.

GMA Champion, PDG John Seaborn, and PID Richard Chaffin are planning to hold two meetings for the small clubs in District 24-C. The purpose is to help clubs with 15 or less members to come together and share ideas to help grow membership. Meetings will be held on Feb. 12, 2022 at the Dublin Lions Club Bldg. and Feb. 19, 2022, at the Abingdon Shoneys. Both will start at 10 a.m. Also, a sub-committee of the GMA is being developed and lead by PCC Marty Alford to make a written plan of action including goal setting for our District 24-C. Further details will be forth coming.

District 24-C Chair of the Leo Clubs.

Leo Club Sponsors please keep in touch with your Leo Clubs. Several have indicated that the Leo Clubs will try to come together the second half of the school year. They need all of the support they can get to achieve this.

LOVF 24-C District Co-chair.

LOVF Tickets are on sale!!!! If you need more, please let me know. Remember, the stubs and money will need to be in early as the drawing will be May 1, 2022, at the State Convention. LOVF has money to give. So, please make application for grants to help you increase your service to your community.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance I anyway with any of these initiatives. My email is jeanc@embarqmail.com.

Wishing you all a Wonderful Holiday Season, IPDG/2VDG Jean

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MD 24 Lions of Virginia

2022 Lions Leadership Institute

Holiday Inn-- Valleyview,

Roanoke, VA

March 4-6, 2022

APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE

After completing and signing this application to participate in the 2022 Lions Leadership Institute, return it to your District Governor, who will approve your application and forward it to Lion Martin R. Alford 370 Windsor Drive N.W. Christiansburg, VA 24073 by January 31, 2022

Full Name _____

Name for Nametag _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **ZIP** _____

E-Mail Address _____

Club _____ **District** _____

List Club, District, and MD Offices/Positions Held in Last Three Years: _____

By signing and submitting this application to my District Governor, I agree to pay \$150.00 (enclosed – payable to Lions of Virginia) toward the cost of my participation in the 2021 RLLI. I understand that I shall be responsible for my transportation expenses, and any incidentals during the Institute. (Your district and LCI are paying the balance of cost of this program, including your lodging and meals. There will be no refund of student or district participation fees for dropouts within two weeks of the start date of RLLI. You will receive detailed program information upon your acceptance into this RLLI.) *Ten (10) slots are allotted for each District, after January 31, 2022, the unfilled slots will be opened to all Districts.

Applicant's Signature

District Governor's Signature

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MD 24 Lions of Virginia

2022 Lions Leadership Institute

Holiday Inn-- Valleyview,

3315 Ordway Drive

Roanoke, VA 24017

(d) 540-362-4500

March 4-6, 2022

Hotel Registration Instructions

Each RLLI student is required to reserve their own hotel room with your own personal credit card. We have negotiated a special rate for the weekend of \$90.00 plus taxes per night. The student will not be charged for the room, only incidental purchases for food and entertainment. The RLLI grant will cover your room bill, but it does not cover any incidentals, room service, or drinks at the hotel bar. This is why we require each student to register with the hotel. **YOU WILL NOT BE BILLED FOR YOUR ROOM!!** Please use the information below to reserve your room prior to February 1, 2022.

Please call the hotel direct at 540-362-4500 or go to www.holidayinn.com/roavalleyview & under the arrival dates, in the Group Code Box, put in **LIL**, then hit search This will take them directly to the Lions reservation page. Please reference the Lion Leadership Conference when making your reservations.

Student Tuition Instructions

Each student attending is responsible for paying a tuition rate of \$150.00 for the weekend. This can be paid by the student, the student's club, or their respective district if funds are available and approved. The tuition covers the student's room, books, and meals for the entire weekend. The tuition must be paid with the submitted application. Cancellations are non-refundable expect in the case of death, serious illness of the student or their family member. If you plan on bringing a guest and want them to eat with you, make arrangements with the State Secretary to pay for all meals prior to the final day of the event. The meals cost are as follows:

Friday Dinner \$20.00 plus tax and gratuities

Saturday Breakfast \$14.00 plus tax and gratuities

Saturday Lunch \$15.00 plus tax and gratuities

Saturday Banquet \$27.00 plus tax and gratuities

Sunday Breakfast \$14.00 plus tax and gratuities

Sunday Lunch \$ 16.00 plus tax and gratuities

All checks can be made payable to MD 24 Lions of Virginia.

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MD 24 C Fall Conference Highlights



The 2021 MD 24 C Fall Conference kicked off on Friday evening with District Governor Eric Mills introducing visit International Director Justin Faber



District Governor Eric Mills, wife, Lion Patti Mills, State Secretary Lion Tammi Brightwell, PID Hauser Weiler, and Council Chair Donna Weiler and International Director Justin Faber



Lions from all over MD 24 came together to fellowship together.



Fall Conference Chair Lion Tammie Brightwell welcomed everyone.



Candidate for International Director PDG Jay Moughon was our guest auctioneer for our conference auction.

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Highlights from MD 24 C Fall Conference (Continued)



District Governor Eric Mills presented a honorarium towards a Progressive Melvin Jones Award to our visiting guest International Director Justin Faber. I. D. Justin presented his pins to Council Chair Donna Weiler, and Fall Conference Chair Lion Tammie Brightwell. I. D. Justin presented District Governor Eric Mills and his wife Lion Patti a gift of appreciation.



District Governor Eric's theme for the weekend was "Rising Above Pediatric Cancer." Conference attendees and clubs gathered games and personal items for the Carilion Clinic Pediatric Center in Roanoke, VA.



PID Richard Chaffin Forest Lions Club, PDG Mike Ferguson Mount Pleasant Lions Club, and PCC Clark Vandergrift Edgewood Lions Club got the band back together to lead the singing of our district favorite "Just a Bowl of Butter Beans"



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2021 Peace Poster News

My Fellow Lions,

There were a total of 14 Peace Posters submitted to me, and the judge selected the poster submitted by the Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club to be the winner for D24-C which I hand delivered to the Council Chair.

I want to congratulate all of the students who participated in the Peace Poster Contest. As far as I'm concerned they are all winners, and I know that your families are very proud of you.

I also want to thank our District Peace Poster Contest Chairperson, Lion Joan Miller, for a Job Well Done! The following list includes the winning poster and the other posters submitted in alphabetical order by club:



Winner: **Isabella Godfrey(11), Benjamin Franklin M.S., Smith Mountain Lake L.C.**

This poster also won Second Place in the State. CONGRATULATIONS! ISABELLA!

Abby DeJesus(11), Blacksburg M.S., Blacksburg Breakfast L.C.

Dorothy Morgan(12), Blacksburg M.S., Blacksburg Breakfast L.C.

Atiya Neyazi(13), Woodrow Wilson M.S., Cave Spring L.C.

Selana Nowlin(13), James Madison M.S., Cave Spring L.C.

Olivia Haley(11), Benjamin Franklin M.S., Ferrum L.C.

Cora Whidden(13), Forest M.S., Forest L.C.

Juliana Alvarado(12), Carroll Co. M.S., Hillsville L.C.

Nevayah Nicely(12), Staunton River M.S., Moneta L.C. (2nd Place)

Addison Meeks(12), J.W. Adams Combined School, Pound L.C.

Isabella Lawson(13), Richlands M.S., Richlands L.C.

Ella Newbill(12), Benjamin Franklin M.S., Rocky Mount L.C.

Bailey Taylor-Hine(11), Rural Retreat M.S., Rural Retreat L.C.

Makenzie Scott(13), William Byrd M.S., Vinton Breakfast L.C.

Yours in Lionism,

D.G. Eric Mills

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Cave Springs District Lions Club



During the Christmas Holiday, Lion Dharamdeo Sawh was honored in the presentation of a special pin honoring his service to the club and to the world. Lion Dharmadeo has served Lions for over 52 years. Lion Dharam was first a Lion in the Georgetown, Guyana Lions Club in 1970. When he moved to the area, he immediately joined the Cave Spring Lions Club in 2009. Lion Dharam not only works hard for his club but additionally works at putting our District in the news.



Lions Jim and Babs Newman were at the 2021 MD 24 C Fall Conference representing Cave Spring District Lions Club and also promoting Pin Trading along with PCC Chet Kramer and PDG Mary Beth Newman, and PDG Arlen Eidson

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Christiansburg Lions Club



The Christiansburg Lions Club has been busy planning for their annual Christmas Craft Show that is held the first weekend in December at the Christiansburg Community Center. President Charles DeHart and others worked hard to ensure that this show went off without a hitch. With all their vendor spaces sold the club was anticipating an triumphant return after shutting down for COVID in 2020.



At their November meeting, Christiansburg Lions Club members and guest were engaged in an educational program from Romulo Albuquerque, M.D., Ph.D. Ophthalmologist for Vistar on Macular Degenerative Eye disease.



Dr. Albuquerque acknowledge the great work that Lions are doing thru programs such as the Eye Bank, and other needed services. After the presentation, Dr. Albuquerque took questions to provide information on some of the common eye ailments and corrective measures that were available due to research efforts.



Lion Joe Wade, Secretary (pictured) and President Charles DeHart attended the MD 24 C Fall Conference in Roanoke on the weekend of November 6th and attended sessions on Club Officer Training and meeting in Virtual Platforms.



This sign was prominently displayed at their recent Christmas Craft Show. Letting people know who you are and what you do is critical to gain membership. Our service should be no secret.

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Daleville Fincastle Lions Club (continued)

December activity for the Daleville Fincastle Lions

Subject: Daleville Fincastle Lions decorate their tree for Tinsel Trail



Members L-R Carole Smith, Betty Reynolds (with Bentley), Jim Reynolds, Rich Boone, Kathy Boone, and Teresa Fridley pose in front of their Christmas tree for the Fincastle Tinsel Tree Trail. The tree highlights goals of the Lions such as vision screening, eyeglass recycling, and white cane campaigns.



At the 2021 MD 24 C Fall Conference Scott Johnson received the 100 % Secretaries Award for his excellence in reporting for the Daleville Fincastle Lions Club.



At the 2021 MD 24 C Fall Conference PDG Lion Lowell Skelton received the 100 % Treasurers Award for his excellence in fiscal accounting for the Daleville Fincastle Lions Club.

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Daleville Fincastle Lions Club News



Saturday January 29, 2022
Snow date is February 12, 2022
The Glebe, 200 Glebe Blvd., Daleville, VA 24083

Benefits Glebe Benevolent Fund & Daleville/Fincastle Lions Club

Masks are required

Doors open at 10:30 AM
Bingo starts promptly – 11:00 AM – 2:30 PM
Bingo games for ages 16 and older

Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door
Food buffet is included with bingo.
20 rounds of Bingo, a door prize ticket, and a cover-all round for a
grand prize valued at over \$138.00!
(Spice & Storage Set, Large Utility Tote with lid, and Hope Basket)
50/50 Drawing
Bingo Daubers for sale

Come out for an afternoon of fun and bingo! Additional Bingo cards, cover-all cards, and door prize tickets will be available for purchase the day of the bingo.

Thank you in advance!

Contact Robin Ward at 540-591-2180, Jim Spitz at 540-591-2428, Scott Johnston at 540-355-6520, Teresa Fridley at Tcfrid@gmail.com, Lowell Skelton at 5450-420-2427, or Diane Taylor at 540-520-7967 to pre-order and purchase tickets.

Checks should be payable to Daleville Fincastle Lions Foundation.

This bingo event will sell out fast so be sure to pre-order or purchase your ticket to reserve your spot!

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Dublin Lions Club



At the October meeting of the Dublin Lions Club, speakers from Carilion Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Center in Roanoke, VA came to provide an educational program on Pediatric Center and the struggles that the patient face every day.



Dublin Lions Club in support of our District Governors district wide service project gathered games, personal items, and other miscellaneous items to donate to Carilion Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Center. Pictured is the items and Dublin Lions contributed to the Center.



At the 2021 MD 24 C Fall Conference, Immediate Past President Paul Nester and Club Secretary were presented the State Achievement Award and the 100% secretary award respectively.



On December 4th, 2021, Dublin Lions placed a float in the Dublin Christmas Parade. Town Manager Ty Kirkner commented that the 2021 Parade was the largest in Dublin's History with over 84 units in the parade. (Pictured are Lions Marty and Judy Alford and Stacey Arnett.



The float was full of Lions passing out candy and candy canes to everyone along the parade route.



Lion Judy Alford, was our club mascot for the day. Leo the Lion waved and passed along holiday greetings and a cameo appearance from our own Lion Willard Akers (a 65 Year Lion) took time to ride along and spread Christmas Cheer.



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Dublin Lions Club

Dublin Lions celebrated a very successful 2021 at their Christmas Social at the Draper Merchantile Restaurant on December 9, 2021. Even though the pandemic had a merciless impact of our budget, our club did small fund raisers along the way to provide a fraction of the support to the most critical needs. We were able to still provide eyeglass assistance to the needy and members donated out of their own pockets to raise over \$1,200.00 for the Daily Bread Food ministry. Dublin Lions also was able to write a grant from the Lions of Virginia Foundation that was able to program \$3,000.00 in emergency funding from LOVF. With our fall Flea Market and the Pulaski County Fair programs, we were able to raise about half of our usual funds to help us help those in need in Pulaski County. On behalf of our members, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Service filled 2022.

Mostly we want to thank our many members who provided service in these trying times. Truly demonstrating, **Service From the Heart**. Enjoy the pictures



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Ferrum Lions Club

Ferrum Lions Club Celebrates 75 years of Service to the Ferrum Community



On December 4, 2021 invited guest, district leaders, and members of the Ferrum Lions Club gathered to celebrate their Charter night 75th anniversary. The club was chartered on December 10th, 1946. There were 37 members in the Charter group, which consisted of a mix of men from the community and college from the beginning. Ferrum Lions boast about being one of the first Lions Clubs to allow women to join in 1987. The club has a long history of service and donations to the community and beyond. The club has been actively involved in expansion efforts by establishing two other clubs: the Lions Branch Club at Ferrum College and along with Rocky Mount Lions Club a Leo Club at the High School.



The club had one of its longest serving members, Lion Edward Goode, who has been a Lion over 73 years. Present were many Lions from neighboring clubs and District Governor Eric Mills and Region 1 Zone 1 Chairperson Lion Andre' Perry. A special program on the club's long standing history was presented and a collection of old club photos was set up in an online account if you would like to view it, simply click on the link below or copy it into your web browser.

Use the following links:

<https://bob-and-carolyn.smugmug.com/2021-Ferrum-Lions-Historical-Images-for-75th-Anniversary>

<https://bob-and-carolyn.smugmug.com/2021-Ferrum-Lions-75th-Dec-4>

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Ferrum Lions Club Charter Night Highlights



**Congratulations to Ferrum Lions Club.
Celebrating 75 Years of Service**

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Giles Breakfast Lions Club News

Giles County Breakfast Lions Club recognized at MD 24 C Fall Conference.



Lion Sherri Nipper-Williams received the State Achievement Award at the MD 24 C Fall Conference.



Lion Betty Herbert received the 100% Club Treasurer Award



Lion Charlie Herbert was the lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing at the MD 24 C Fall Conference Luncheon on Saturday.

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Moneta Lions Club

Ronald McDonald House

The Roanoke Ronald McDonald House, built in 1984 offers families a home-away-from-home consisting of 18 bedrooms with private baths and 2 queen size-beds, television, telephone and alarm clock.

The House also has 2 large dining rooms, laundry facilities, a playroom, a library and is equipped with Wi-Fi Internet access and a computer available for guest use, even an outdoor playground.

There's even a Magic Room, but most importantly there is an atmosphere of care and support.. An evening meal is provided buffet style from 5-6:30 PM by volunteer groups for all house guests. Guests are able to prepare their own meals at other times in the guest kitchen.

Tab tops from your soda, beverage or soup is a major fundraising effort for the RMHC-SWVA. This tiny tab top can help raise thousands of dollars to support the families of seriously ill or injured children receiving medical treatment in local Roanoke Valley area hospitals.

Pull Tab collection has become a year round project for the members of the Moneta Lions Club. Each year club members visit the Ronald McDonald in December to deliver their Christmas Present of Tabs to Ronald,

The Moneta Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at the Moneta Rescue Squad Building, 12646 N. Old Moneta Road. For additional information about the club or to join us at one of our dinner meetings or community projects, contact Lion Bart Matthies, at 540-297-4549, or send an email to monetalionsclub@gmail.com



Photo: Ronald McDonald House –Southwestern VA Executive Director Shannon Boothe, center, accepted a “trunk full” of pull tabs, also handmade children’s hats, delivered by Moneta Lions Club Youth Service Chairperson Lion Gloria Guice, left, and Club Vice President Rob Senoski. Tab collecting for “Ronald” is a year round project for the Club’s Membership, their friends and families, near and far.

Submitted by:

Lion Rob Senoski

Moneta Lions Club

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Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club

Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club (RVBLC) December 2021 Newsletter

- **Service to our community continues during COVID, a big *Thank You* to our volunteers:**
 - Meals on Wheels-every week our volunteers forge ahead to deliver meals to folks in the community during COVID! Lion Wanda Dalton-Committee Lead.
 - Eyeglass Recycling-we had 12 volunteers for our December event-Lion George Ferguson, Committee Lead (see pics below)
 - Volunteers participated at Golden Corral to Thank Our Veterans for their service on Nov 11- Lion Andre Peery, Event Lead.
 - Christmas Party for the Hermitage Senior Living Group was a success. Thirty two residents came to the party. We played "Name that Christmas Tune", "Charades", "Family Feud" with poinsettia plants as prizes. A goody bag with juice, fig newton snack packs and a gift were handed out to all. Everyone had a good time. Thanks to the Event Co-Leads Lions: Barbara Richmond, Fredia Carter, Marilyn Heckstall, and Regenia Beatty. There were a total of 12 members participating in this fun filled event-Lions: Jeremy, Andre, George, Brenda, Suzanne, Lis, Gary, Manuel, (see pic below)
 - RVBLC Christmas party was held at Shakers restaurant. We had about 24 members and guests join in the meal. All had a wonderful meal and great fellowship. Lion Jeremy Blewett Event Lead.(see pic below)
 - Began a new fund raiser, Streak Free Cloths! We've ordered 150 and they were quickly sold for Christmas gifts. Thanks to Lion Wanda Dalton for finding this fund raising opportunity and serving as Lead for this effort!
 - We continue with our 100,000 Pennies fund raiser. Making good progress on this fund raiser with Lion Jim Dalton as Lead.

RVBLC Eyeglass Recycling Dec 2021 Lions: George-Committee Lead, Suzanne, Pat, Jim D, Gary, Jim, Linda, Sandy, Carole, Brenda and Jean-Thank You!



RVBLC Christmas Dinner



Christmas Party for Hermitage Seniors

- Thanks to our RVBLC Board Members who continue to look over our budget for ways to cut costs for *nonessential* line items such as, our P.O. Box and local storage unit. Decision was made to cancel both of these monthly expenses at our December meeting. This allows us to have additional monthly funds in our treasury to utilize for our community commitments during this COVID environment where fund raising is a challenge. Thanks to our Board Members for their faithful service.

We Serve Because We Care!

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Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club News

The SML Lions Club Peace Poster Contest 2021-2022

Benjamin Franklin Middle School's art department takes the district win in SML Lions Club Peace Poster Contest two years running.

Sixth grader, Isabella Godfrey placed 1st in early November for the SML Lions Club. Then on November 27th Lions Club District -24 announced Godfrey as the District winner. Her poster has advanced to the state contest and will be judged on December 15th. Godfrey's description of her poster is "Peace is when we all come together and live in harmony."

Pictured here with Benjamin Franklin Middle School art teacher, Freda Nichols, are SML Lions Club local Peace Poster Contest winners: 1st place – Isabella Godfrey, 2nd place – Isabella Lugano and 3rd place – Reagan Gardner.



Caption for the photo: Pictured left to right are 1st place – Isabella Godfrey, 2nd place – Isabella Lugano. 3rd place – Reagan Gardner and art teacher, Freda Nichols.



MD 24 C District Peace Poster Winner

1st place – Isabella Godfrey

This poster also won Second Place in the State.

CONGRATULATIONS! ISABELLA!

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Leader Dogs for the Deaf and Blind



Like the dogs we train, our goal is to be a leader.

Dedicated donor support makes these initiatives possible and allows us to provide our programs at no cost to our clients.

We Innovate

- We don't wait for someone else to try it. When we see a need, we address it.
- First dedicated guide dog training program for people who are Deaf-Blind.
- First guide dog organization to provide a free GPS device and training.
- First guide dog organization to provide an accelerated program to teach orientation & mobility.
- First summer camp for teens to incorporate teaching leadership skills, orientation & mobility skills and self-advocacy.

We Listen

- Our services aren't "one size fits all." We provide delivery models to meet our clients where they are.
- Customized services for clients who cannot leave work or family for an extended period of time.
- Urban guide dog training for clients who live, work or travel in big city environments.
- Warm weather training during the winter for clients who live in temperate climates.
- On-campus follow-up services for college students who recently received their first Leader Dog.

We Improve

- We believe that just because something works doesn't mean we can't do it better.
- Modernize housing and training facilities for our clients and our canines.
- Dual-train dogs for people who are Deaf-Blind to guide and to respond to specific environmental auditory cues.
- Incorporate the most effective, up-to-date ways to train our dogs, including positive reinforcement methods.
- Team up with assistive technology providers to improve technology for people who are blind.

We Collaborate

- Working with others lets us achieve things we couldn't do on our own and opens the door for more creative solutions.
- Team up with guide dog organizations in Spain, Mexico and Brazil to provide training and follow-up services.
- Partner with agencies and universities to fulfill needs in the blind rehabilitation community.
- Share knowledge and metrics through the International Guide Dog Federation and U.S. Council of Dog Guide Schools.

Work with correctional facilities to raise puppies in prisons.

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Greetings Fellow Lions,

It has been a busy time to say the least, with the holidays and trying to dig out of a COVID funk that has silenced many of our clubs. As the omicron variant becomes the prevalent strain of infection, we are still seeing the high degree of infections going on around us.

One of the factors that remains a constant in any community is regardless of the pandemic, we must push through and find creative ways to provide service to our communities. We must make sure that the very people that we are tasked to serve don't fall through the cracks.

If your club needs assistance, the district is offering a Small Clubs Forum. One in Dublin, VA at the Dublin Lions Club Building on February 12, 2022 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and one in Abingdon, VA at the Shoney's Restaurant on February 19, 2022 from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. Your Zone/Region Chairperson can help with getting you registered.

In this New Year, let us resolve to awaken the Lion in all of us and make this year our best.

Yours in Service

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